

and legacy of people who have contributed to our music in this country. I will not go through that long list because then all of us would take to the floor and talk about those who may have contributed, but I do appreciate the pride of which he speaks for those who come from his great State and from his hometown.

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX).

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 27 and thank the gentleman from Georgia for yielding me the time so I can speak in support.

I congratulate the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) on this outstanding resolution. This is a resolution that certainly is timely. Here we are going to recognize through this resolution the importance of African-American music to global culture. Whereas African-American music has in fact been a positive influence, Mr. Speaker, on dance, fashion, language, art, literature, cinema, media and other aspects of culture, and the prominence of African-American music in the 20th century has reawakened interest in the legacy and heritage of the art form of African-American music. Moreover, it has embodied the strong presence and significant contributions made by African-Americans in the music industry and society as a sole. Moreover, the industry contributes greatly to the domestic and worldwide economy, and as well those great African-American musicians such as Ray Charles and Ella Fitzgerald to my hometown area of greater Philadelphia where the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) hails from. We have had our share of great African-American musicians who have gone on to not only entertain us here in the United States but across the world. It is to them that we salute tonight each of these individuals for their joint and collective contributions.

I hope that those who will hear about this resolution will in fact find inspiration in the works and will become in fact the new heroes and heroines of tomorrow in providing for our entire culture the expansion of entertainment and of musical contribution that makes the rich culture that we call the United States.

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Let me just conclude by saying that our list may be a little short of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), but we will put Ms. Norman up against anybody that wants to sing.

I want to just simply urge Members of this body and my colleagues to vote for this resolution but maybe even more importantly, if they have never spent a Wednesday night or a Sunday night in an African-American church and listened to the fabulous gospel music, I urge them to do that.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOEHLERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 27.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 4805 de novo; H.Res. 562 de novo; H.Res. 518 de novo; concurring in Senate amendment to H.R. 1274 de novo; S. 1754 de novo; conference report on S. 1260 de novo; and S. 1722, by the yeas and nays.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH TRAVEL REPORTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4805.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4805.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONCERNING PROPERTIES WRONGFULLY EXPROPRIATED BY FORMERLY TOTALITARIAN GOVERNMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 562.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 562.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CALLING FOR FREE AND TRANSPARENT ELECTIONS IN GABON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 518, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 518, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and concurring in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 1274.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 1274.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS ACT OF 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 1754, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1754, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.